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Dear Mr. Shue:

My name is Ralph Graham who applied for a patent on serial #10/047,926 through my attorney David Henry of Waco Texas.

I was told this patent was denied because it infringed on a patent issued to Mr. George M. Gould (patent #1790806 in the year 1931). Mr. Shue, please understand that this patent was issued for a cover that fit only on the bathtub of that era, the old leg tub that sit away from the wall and had no walls around it. This tub no longer exist and the last production was prior to the beginning of WWII. Only those that escaped urban renewal still exist. Even if a few still exist this one piece cover could never fit the modern built-in tubs that my invention was designed for. I am old enough to remember this and understand that unless you are at least 75 years old one might not have distinguished this tub from an ordinary modern tub.

I respectfully request that my patent be reconsidered.

Yours very truly,

Ralph C. Graham